

## THE SECRETS, SOMETIMES.

(Continued from First Page.)

office of Coddington Bros., at 17 Wall street.

"Does this include the history of your earlier life?" Mr. Sutherland asked.

"It's about all, can remember. If the Committee wants any further information I shall be very glad to give them it in my power."

Commissioner Martin defined the chief duty of the Board as the administration and discipline of the police force. He thought his general clerical experience and familiarity with other city departments had fitted him for the position.

He then read the laws pertaining to the subject and the rules and regulations of the Department.

On the orders of the Board to the force were transmitted through the Superintendent, who was the absolute executive officer. No one Commissioner could give orders to the Superintendent.

Supt. Byrnes was appointed to his office in April, 1889. Commissioner Martin did not know that any more arrests in excise cases were made after Byrnes' appointment. He knew that there had been great activity in arresting violators of the Excise law since then.

He testified that Supt. Byrnes took a vacation in the summer of 1893, and was in charge of the force, but he denied that he had sent for Steers and given him the keys of the city in writing by the making of arrests.

There was not a complaint made of the city in regard to these arrests.

Commissioner Martin remembered that there was a complaint against the "spy system" about a year ago, and that policemen in citizens' clothes would visit saloons during the hours when the law is in force, and make arrests.

"Did not the Board pass a resolution discontinuing the spy system?"

"No. They simply passed a resolution declaring that they believed the system to be a nuisance, and that it was not in keeping with the dignity of the force."

"Did you think it said that policemen took money from saloon-keepers?"

"The witness finally did remember an occasion, one Saturday during the summer of 1892, when Chief Inspector Steers and told him that he had heard the captain of the Canby street patrol, many men in citizens' clothes, and that he had seen the resolution of the Board on the subject of the spy system."

"He went to Headquarters expecting to find Supt. Byrnes, and when I learned he was away I sent Chief Inspector Steers, who was in command."

"Why didn't you wait for Byrnes to return?"

"Because I didn't think it necessary." And Steers promulgated this order to the force:

"I suppose he did." The witness said he had heard the rumor about several citizens whom he met that day on the street. This was early in June.

The occasion, he thought, was a proper one to call attention to the spy system.

"I thought the captains were sending out these men. I did not know that Supt. Byrnes had anything particular to do with it. He thought it was a nuisance, and I was away for the day, I understood."

"You did not give Supt. Byrnes any explanation for the action of the captains?"

"No. I don't know. I did, I didn't see any necessity for any explanation. I would have given the instructions to Supt. Byrnes if he had been in."

Mr. Sutherland branched off at this point and asked Mr. Martin some questions about his political leadership in the Twenty-first Assembly District.

"Believe?" He's leader.

"You are the leader of the district?"

"That's what the call the Dominion without?"

"You select the district captains each year?"

"Yes, that's one of my duties."

"And you give them instructions?"

"All the postage and applications from men in your district for office are referred to you, are they not?"

"Yes."

"And you are required to obtain places for men in your district?"

"Yes, to a certain extent."

Mr. Martin said there was no social Tammany Hall club in his district, but that his brother-in-law, John J. Martin, had a club in the Eighth District, of which he was leader. This was the Troop Club.

In the Thirtieth District, he said, there was the Pequot Club, of which Police Commissioner Martin was president. The witness thought that the club was sold in this club, and that card-playing was frequently done in it.

He didn't know whether any policemen were members of these clubs, but he said that if they were he did not think it any harm.

Tammany Hall holds you responsible for your district in election times, doesn't it?"

"Well, my district is a pretty hard one to hold any one responsible for."

"But you are expected to carry it, are you not?"

"Yes, we try to do the best we can."

The witness said he had recommended a good many men for appointment on the police force, and had also dismissed one or two of his own appointees.

He denied that the policemen were to be appointed to serve at the polls on election day. These were appointed by the Superintendent.

Dr. Parkhurst comes in.

During the examination Dr. Parkhurst and Charles S. Smith came in and listened with close attention to Commissioner Martin's testimony.

"As President of the Board, is not your appointing power restricted to the force?"

"Not necessarily. I probably got five men appointed in the last year, but I don't know about the others."

had thrown watchers out because the places were too small.

"Yes, I have heard it."

"Have you done anything to remedy the evil?"

"Yes, changes were made every year. Complaints were made, and the police had to work to get 1,200 or more polling places in this city. We have to do with the police force."

"Do you know whether any members of the police force are members of the Tammany Hall?"

"I do not know of a single one on the list."

"How many names are there on that list?"

"About 12,000 or 15,000."

This seemed to surprise Mr. Sutherland very much. Mr. Grassie explained to him some of the peculiarities of the Tammany Hall organization.

Mr. Martin said he had a private secretary, Patrick J. Ford, who got \$1,500 a year. His duties were to attend to the clerical work of his office.

"Does he send out your political notices?"

"Yes."

"How often?"

"About once a month. There is more to do around election time."

Commissioner Martin admitted that he had been on duty at his office and at that of Commissioner McLaughlin had been promoted by a special act of the Legislature, which removed certain disabilities. They were formerly doormen. Only three doormen in all had been promoted under this act, he said.

Policeman McGurkey, who was on duty at the witness's office, received a letter from Commissioner Martin, and his time was pretty well occupied. Mr. Martin said.

"Does he ever go on political errands for you?"

"Yes, but not very often."

Oh! Yes, He Knows Tekulsky.

The Commissioner said he knew Morris Tekulsky, and that the latter occasionally visited him. At the latter's request he had transferred four or five patrolmen.

Tekulsky had never given as a reason for asking them to transfer that the patrolmen had interfered with liquor-dealers. In their conversations, the witness said, he had never heard of Tekulsky on the subject of the Excise law or its enforcement.

He testified that he had ever talked with any captain on the force on the subject of the Excise law.

Commissioner Martin was asked about the recent complaints against Capt. Price and Martens.

"Don't you think that Capt. Price's excuse in refusing to close a disorderly house when he had ample evidence was little short of a felony?"

"It was certainly a serious charge."

"Five days' pay, I believe."

The witness said in explanation of this that there was some doubt of Price's guilt, so they made the fine a light one.

At P. M., the Committee adjourned till next Friday.

BEHRING SEA LEGISLATION.

Sir Charles Russell Withdraws His Bill for Modification.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 31.—As a result of a further exchange of views between London and Washington, the Attorney-General, Sir Charles Russell, has withdrawn the Behring Sea bill, providing for the enforcement of the award of the Board of Arbitration, which he recently introduced in the House of Commons.

It may be reintroduced on Thursday next.

It is supposed that Sir Charles Russell's action is due to strong protests which have been received from Canada.

Despatches from Victoria, B. C., say the sealers are indignant at the prospect of United States officers being empowered to seize the vessels.

The sealers declare that this would entail their total ruin for the benefit of the American speculators and politicians.

SEAL POACHERS EXCITED.

British Legislation Aroused the Ire of Canadians.

(By Associated Press.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—This is the headquarters of the seal poachers, and they are greatly excited over the news of the action of the British Government in passing a bill authorizing seizure of British vessels in Behring Sea.

The dealers are practically unanimous in declaring that putting in the regulations this year would be a gross injustice, as well as illegal.

Some think there might be redress in court, under the provisions of the act, against the British authorities, who, they say, are only acting in the interests of capitalist and American poachers.

The result will be the transfer of ships to some other flag not affected by arbitration.

It is understood that the Provincial Government, at the instance of local sealers, has wired the Dominion authorities to prevent Behring Sea regulations going into effect this season.

THREE MEN DIE BY FIRE.

Bostonians Perish in a Squantum Beach Cottage.

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